

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for creating a task identifier for identifying a file within a system for providing help content to a computer operator, the method comprising:

providing a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent a first of a plurality of elements that together form the task identifier, the task identifier being indicative of a help-related task described in the content of the file;

providing access to a collection of taxonomic organization data, wherein the taxonomic organization data relates each word selection in the limited set to a taxonomic category, and wherein the taxonomic category for each word selection is not apparent in the word selection itself;

receiving a selection from the user that is indicative of a particular word selection from the limited set of word selections;

automatically determining, based at least in part on a reference to the taxonomic organization data, a particular taxonomic category that corresponds to the particular word selection, wherein automatically determining is a step conducted by a computer processor that is a functional component of the computer;

automatically assigning the particular taxonomic category to the file; and assigning said file to more than one taxonomic category based on the selection received from the user; and

enabling a user to sort the file based on the particular word selection or based on the particular taxonomic category, wherein the result of a sort based on the particular taxonomic category is not the same as the result of a sort based on the particular word selection.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing the user with a second limited set of word selections that can be
assigned to represent a second of the plurality of elements;
receiving a second selection from the user that is indicative of a word selection
from the second limited set of word selections; and
assigning said word selection from the second limited set of word selections to
represent the second of the plurality of elements.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing a user with a limited set of word
selections that can be assigned to represent a first of a plurality of elements comprises providing
a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent an object element.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing a user with a limited set of word
selections that can be assigned to represent a first of a plurality of elements comprises providing
a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent an action element.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of elements are arranged in
accordance with a predetermined structure of organizational elements.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for at least semi-automatically applying a taxonomic classification to a file to be incorporated into a system for providing help content to a user, the method comprising:

assigning a first taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections;

providing a user with the set of word selections that can be assigned to represent an element of a task identifier, the task identifier indicative of a help-related task described in the content of the file;

receiving a selection from the user that is indicative of the first word selection from the set of word selections, the first word selection having a meaning that is indicative of the help-related task;

assigning the first taxonomic category to the file based on the selection received from the user;

assigning a second taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections; and

wherein assigning a first taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections further comprises assigning a first taxonomic category to a first word selection from a limited set of word selections;

assigning the second taxonomic category to the file based on the selection received from the user; and

wherein each assigning step of the computer-implemented method is a step conducted by a computer processor that is a functional component of the computer.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for sorting a plurality of help files within a system for providing help content, the method comprising:

assigning a task identifier to each of the plurality of help files, wherein each task identifier includes an element selected from a limited vocabulary;~~and~~

sorting the plurality of help files based at least in part on a taxonomic category assigned to said element;and

wherein assigning and sorting are steps conducted by a computer processor that is a functional component of the computer.

20. (Cancelled)

21 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of elements are arranged in accordance with a predetermined order of linguistic structural components.